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SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: They do exist.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: You feel you have 33 votes for this bill.

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: I believe it will be very close, yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Pedersen, are you aware that a motion to adopt the permanent rules was successfully made yesterday?

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Are you aware that the permanent rules were changed to say that a cloture motion can be made at any point during debate?

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: Yes, I remember that.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Do you recall that last session we spent numerous hours debating this very bill?

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: Yes, I do.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: At the time you made your motion to bracket, enough time had passed for you to make a motion for cloture. Isn't that true?

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: That's right.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And you chose not to make that motion.

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: That's right.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And the reason you chose not to make that motion, if I recall the rationale you stated, was that the votes, the 33 votes, were not there.

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: That's right.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Is that correct?

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: That's right.